

**Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute Grant Agreements And Documents With The Dormitory Authority Of The State Of New York (DASNY) For The Funding And Construction Of A Rooftop Solar Installation At UCAT And Amending The 2020-2025 Capital Program And Establishing Capital Project 574 - Department Of Environment**

Referred to: The Energy and Environment Committee (Chairwoman Greene and Legislators Bruno, Criswell, Petit, and Wawro), The Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee (Chairman Cahill and Legislators Archer, Corcoran, Delaune, Litts, Maio, and Uchitelle), The Public Works and Capital Projects Committee (Chairman Fabiano and Legislators Cahill, Greene, Heppner, and Litts), and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairwoman Archer and Legislators Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, Ronk, and Walter)

Chairwoman of the Energy and Environment Committee, Manna Jo Greene, and Deputy Chair Mary Wawro offer the following:

WHEREAS, this Resolution has been submitted by the County Executive on behalf of the Ulster County Department of Environment; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County has established itself as an energy and environmental leader through policies, resolutions and local laws, including those establishing the County as a Climate Smart Community, requiring the purchase of renewable energy, establishing energy efficient building standards, establishing a County Green Fleet Policy, and other resolutions regarding green, energy conscious purchasing; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Executive signed Executive Order Number 1 of 2019, which the Legislature codified on September 17, 2019, establishing ambitious new goals for the County's ongoing efforts to combat climate change, including community-wide greenhouse gas emissions targets and the adoption of the Ulster County Climate Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, Department of the Environment has been collaborating with the Ulster County Area Transit to facilitate the addition of three battery-electric zero-emission transit buses to its fleet and install electric bus charging equipment at the UCAT facility at 1 Danny Circle, Kingston, NY; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County was invited to apply for a State and Municipal Facilities ("SAM") grant through NYS Senator Jen Metzger's Office and was awarded a grant of \$100,000 to support a rooftop solar project at the UCAT facility which would provide locally generated renewable energy to help power the fleet buses and the UCAT facility; and

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WHEREAS, the Department of Environment now requests the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature be authorized to enter into agreements with DASNY in order to accept grant funding; and

WHEREAS, no County contribution or matching funding is required for this grant; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish and fund such project in the amount of \$100,000.00; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 2020-2025 Capital Program be amended and Capital Project No. 574- UCAT Rooftop Solar Installation is hereby established as follows:

	<b><u>CREATE</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
Capital Project No. 574	UCAT Rooftop Solar Installation	\$100,000.00

and be it further;

RESOLVED, that the 2020 Ulster County Capital Fund is hereby amended as follows:

	<b><u>INCREASE</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
HH.8997.0574.2300.2550 (App. #)	Construction	\$100,000.00
HH.8997.074.3500.5710 (Rev. #)	Serial Bonds	\$100,000.00

and, be it further;

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature is hereby authorized to execute any grant agreements or amendments thereto with DASNY, in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney,

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and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22                  NOES: 0

(Absent: Legislator Fabiano)

Passed Committee: Energy and Environment on August 31, 200

Passed Committee: Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning and Transit on September 1, 2020

Passed Committee: Public Works and Capital Projects on September 2, 2020

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on September 8, 2020

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

\$100,000.00 - COUNTY CAPITAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

\$100,000.00 - COUNTY REVENUE- SERIAL BONDS (100% NYS REIMBURSED)

